

# Use of Force Recommendation 29

Guidance for

Make Pointing of an ECW Reportable



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## Recommendation Highlights

MPD should require that the pointing of an ECW be reported by officers. This action does not have to be captured in the official use-of-force report but can instead be required in an incident report.

### Gap Analysis

Recommendation

**Current Policy** 

MPD should require that the pointing of an ECW be reported by officers. This action does not have to be captured in the official use-of-force report, but can instead be required in an incident report



There is no requirement to include in an incident report a CEW was pointed at a person and there is no restriction either

### Pros and Cons (Discussion Points)

List the reasons **for** adopting the recommendation

- Other agencies such as Gilbert, Chandler, Tucson and Flagstaff do
- Additional data point for use of force analysis

List the reasons against adopting the recommendation

Additional work on patrol



#### Committee Feedback

- Copying Chandler's reporting system, the information would be trackable, which
  adds to the value of collecting the information
- Phoenix recently adapted the documentation of pointing a firearm at someone. It was unknown to the committee if a non-lethal weapon was also tracked. Phoenix name for this is Pulled Weapon on Person (PWP)
- Lt Spicer additionally recommended documenting why a Taser was threatened
- ASU professor questioned if officers would feel they may get in trouble by checking the box that force was threatened.
  - Sgt Pearson answered they would not, and a checkbox should also include rifle, beanbag and any weapon that is pointed.

#### Final Guidance

Adopt PERF's recommendation requiring officers document the pointing an CEW in an incident report as a show of force.

Expand the documentation to include other weapons.





# Discussion